

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to Water Users
(Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA)
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 4, 2015. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 210 SIXTH AVE, PO BOX 1828, HAVRE, MT 59501-1828 FAX: 406-265-2225 PHONE: 406-265-5516.

Application Number : 41P 30071109

Applicant : RIVER RIDGE RANCH INC
PO BOX 522
FORT BENTON, MT 59442 0522

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41P 161027-00	MARCH 1, 1932
Historical Flow Rate: 1.67 CFS	Historical Consumptive Volume: 76.70 AC-FT	
	Historical Diverted Volume:	160.30 AC-FT

PAST USE OF WATER

WATER WAS HISTORICALLY DIVERTED FROM THE MARIAS RIVER FOR FLOOD IRRIGATION USE IN CENTRAL CHOUTEAU COUNTY.

PROPOSED CHANGE

FLOW RATE: 1.11 CFS
THE APPLICATION PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION AND PLACE OF USE FOR STATEMENT OF CLAIM NO. 41P-161027-00. IF THE CHANGE IS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE AFOREMENTIONED STATEMENT OF CLAIM WILL UTILIZE A PUMP LOCATED IN LOT 7 IN THE NWSW OF SECTION 4, TWP 25N, RGE 9E. THE PROPOSED PLACE OF USE. IS TO BE 81 ACRES OF CENTER PIVOT IRRIGATION LOCATED GENERALLY IN THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 4, TWP 25N, RGE 9E.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE WATER RIGHT NO. 41P 30071109, THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE STATUTORY CRITERIA FOR CHANGES OF WATER RIGHT SET FORTH AT 85-2-402, MCA AND ALLOW FOR ISSUANCE OF THE CHANGE AUTHORIZATION:

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL INSTALL DEPARTMENT APPROVED IN-LINE FLOW METERS IN THE DELIVERY LINES ASSOCIATED WITH BOTH IRRIGATION SYSTEMS THAT ARE APPURTENANT TO THIS WATER RIGHT. THE LOCATION OF THE FLOW METERS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WATER MUST NOT BE DIVERTED UNTIL THE REQUIRED MEASURING DEVICES ARE IN PLACE AND OPERATING. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN WEEKLY RECORD OF THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME OF ALL WATER DIVERTED, INCLUDING THE PERIOD OF TIME. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR AND UPON REQUEST AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE YEAR. FAILURE TO SUBMIT RECORDS MAY BE CAUSE FOR REVOCATION OF THE AUTHORIZATION. THE RECORDS MUST BE SENT TO THE HAVRE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEASURING DEVICES SO THEY ALWAYS OPERATE PROPERLY AND MEASURE THE FLOW RATE AND VOLUME ACCURATELY.

SUBMIT RECORDS TO:
HAVRE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE
PO BOX 1828
HAVRE, MT 59501
PHONE: 406-265-5516
FAX: 406-265-2225

THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL PURCHASE A U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE CONTRACT DURING ANY YEAR THE DIVERTED VOLUME FOR THE PROPOSED 81 ACRE CENTER PIVOT EXCEEDS 95.88 ACRE FEET. THE CONTRACT SHALL ACCOUNT FOR ALL WATER ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXCESS ANNUAL MEASURED DIVERTED VOLUME. THE APPROPRIATOR SHALL KEEP RECORDS OF THE AMOUNT OF WATER DIVERTED TO SATISFY THE CONTRACT, AND MUST KEEP THOSE RECORD SEPARATELY FROM THE WATER MEASUREMENT RECORDS INDICATED IN THE 1ST CONDITION. RECORDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE HAVRE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE UPON REQUEST.

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